#### **Exploration Capabilities**

### Life Support Systems: Trace Contaminant and Particulate Control



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#### **Project Introduction**

Advanced Exploration Systems (AES) Life Support Systems project Trace Contaminant and Particulate Control task: Work in the area of trace contamination and particulate control is focused on characterizing commercial off-the-shelf (COTS) adsorbent media for trace contaminant control applications, evaluating carbon monoxide catalyst performance, developing and characterizing selective catalytic ammonia reduction catalysts, and evaluating technical maturity of photo-catalytic oxidation (PCO) processes for trace contaminant control.

#### **Anticipated Benefits**

Particles float in the spacecraft environment and can be inhaled by the astronauts. Understanding the types of particles and the sizes provides the information needed to develop filtration designs and identify sources of particles that may influence the design of the source generating those particles. The spacecraft atmosphere contains trace contaminants that filter out with adsorbent materials. Controlling particulates and trace contaminants provides clean air for the astronauts to breath.

#### **Primary U.S. Work Locations and Key Partners**





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Organizations Performing Work	Role	Туре	Location
★Marshall Space Flight Center(MSFC)	Lead Organization	NASA Center	Huntsville, Alabama
Glenn Research Center(GRC)	Supporting Organization	NASA Center	Cleveland, Ohio
<ul><li>Kennedy Space</li><li>Center(KSC)</li></ul>	Supporting Organization	NASA Center	Kennedy Space Center, Florida
Precision Combustion, Inc.	Supporting Organization	Industry	North Haven, Connecticut

Primary U.S. Work Locations		
Alabama	Connecticut	
Florida	Ohio	

#### **Images**



#### Advanced Exploration Systems Life Support Systems

Advanced Exploration Systems Life Support Systems (https://techport.nasa.gov/imag e/143419)



# Bacteria Filter Element with Scrolling Filter Media

Bacteria Filter Element with Scrolling Filter Media (https://techport.nasa.gov/imag e/143422)

# Organizational Responsibility

# Responsible Mission Directorate:

Exploration Systems Development Mission Directorate (ESDMD)

#### **Lead Center / Facility:**

Marshall Space Flight Center (MSFC)

#### **Responsible Program:**

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### **Project Management**

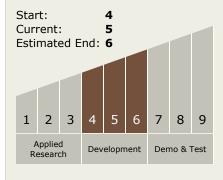
#### **Program Director:**

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#### **Project Manager:**

Walter F Schneider

# Technology Maturity (TRL)



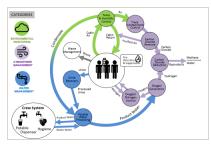


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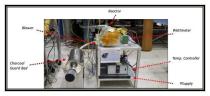
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ECLSS Loop Closure Cycle ECLSS Loop Closure Cycle (https://techport.nasa.gov/imag e/143418)



#### Trace Contaminant Control Catalytic Oxidizer Assembly Life Test Stand

Trace Contaminant Control Catalytic Oxidizer Assembly Life Test Stand (https://techport.nasa.gov/imag e/143421)

## **Technology Areas**

#### **Primary:**

- TX06 Human Health, Life Support, and Habitation Systems
  - ─ TX06.1 Environmental Control & Life Support Systems (ECLSS) and Habitation Systems
    - ☐ TX06.1.1 Atmosphere Revitalization

### **Target Destinations**

The Moon, Mars, Others Inside the Solar System

# Supported Mission Type

Projected Mission (Pull)

